

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT !!!

It is sad to report, but we have recently had more break-ins at the city shop. Recently an expensive pump was stolen. The Marshal is working hard to apprehend the perpetrators of this crime and he's coming close to solving it. The pump had to be replaced and it's things like this that make it rough on the local citizens and taxpayers because they are the ones who have to pay for this in the long run. Gasoline has been siphoned from city vehicles and most recently vandalism was done to one of the trucks gas tanks to get the gas out. These acts are a burden right back to the taxpayers, and it is not fair for you to have to pay for the misbehaviors of others. If anyone knows any information about any of these crimes and can

help us with any information whatsoever please call the Marshal at 865-3200 and leave information. You need not leave your name if you wish.

It's hard to believe, but spring is just around the corner. Now is the time to get the debris cleaned up around your yards by burning or hauling off. Contact City Hall for a burn permit if you do not have one. The high school will be having students available soon to do yard-work for Closeup. Contact Carla LeFever at Butte Falls High School for further information.

Until next month,

Gary Shipley, Public Works Superintendent

BUTTE FALLS RANGER STATION NEWS

Happy Saint Patty's Day and the luck of the Irish to ya!!!

I'm going to start with a safety message this month, and remind everyone that our Forest roads are taking a beating again this year from pounding rain and heavy snow, so please be careful when driving. If you see a National Forest road that has a dangerous spot please call the Ranger Station. Watch out for trees that may have fallen across the road, or could be hung up on the side of the road. Snow pack is heavy right now with 12 inches starting at about 4,000 feet. If it warms up quickly, and that snow becomes run-off, things could get messy fast from soft shoulders and rutting. Please keep a heads-up when you're out there.

If the weather ever straightens out, we plan on offering some pretty decent woodcutting areas. There will be some Doug fir, madrone and chinkapin, also mixed softwood. It's got to dry out quite a bit before that can happen though, so I promise to keep you posted.

The Rogue River National Forest now has a presence on the World Wide Web. Our Home Page can be accessed at www.fs.fed.us/r6/rogue. Our information is not yet complete, but we are adding more every day. Any comments or suggestions please let us know.

Our tree planting contract will open in late March, so you will see the contractors through town for about a month. Keep in mind that they will be another driving factor when out on National Forest roads. The Bibbits Timber Sale comment period closes on March 10, 1998. If you have comments, write to the Rogue River National Forest PO Box 520, Medford, Or. 97501.

A new round of planning will begin for the SALIX resource management area located on the South end of the district. Any comments or questions contact the Ranger Station.

We have a new employee who will be occupying the FS house behind Michelle Barnett. His name is Norm Barrett, and he is transferring here from Colorado. He will work in the wildlife shop. He should be in town by March 15, 1998. I understand that he is married, but I don't know much past that. We welcome him and his family and hope he enjoys working and living in Butte Falls.



FS EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

I'm going to run the STUDENT TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM information again because it is still happening and we want to get the word out. To qualify you must be an individual who is enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a degree, diploma, or certificate seeking student....AND.....is taking at least a half-time academic, vocational, or technical course load in an accredited high school, technical or vocational school, 2 year or 4 year college or university, graduate or professional school. Half-time is the definition provided by the school in which the student is enrolled. To obtain the proper forms to apply, come in to the Butte Falls Ranger Station and we will give them to you, or call us at 541-865-2700 and we will mail them to you.

*IF YOU ARE NOT A STUDENT.....*but are interested in temporary summer employment with the Forest Service this info is for you. We will be recruiting through the State Employment Office beginning the first or second week of March. If you are interested, stop by the Ranger Station for a handout on how to apply, or contact the State Employment Office. Bottom line is: *make sure that you are signed up with the State or they can't get you a job.*

TAKE CARE EVERYONE. SEE YOU NEXT MONTH!